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N.H. MARINE PATROL URGES NO-WAKE SPEED FOR BOATERS

GILFORD, N.H. - As New Hampshire residents begin their recovery from a week of devastating rains, the New Hampshire Marine Patrol is asking boaters to operate at headway speed on public waters until the flood water levels subside.

With the high water levels, wakes from boats traveling greater than headway speed pose an additional threat to private property and damage natural habitats.

"While those directly affected by the recent weather begin the arduous task of clean-up, those of us who have opportunity to enjoy the benefits of boating on our lakes, rivers and ponds can personally contribute to that," said Director David T. Barrett of the Department of Safety's Marine Patrol. "The New Hampshire Marine Patrol urges all boaters to proceed at headway speed when operating on all our public waters until the water levels subside to normal elevations."